

CLAIMS

I claim:

- 5 1. A handle for a slip, comprising:
a first element, wherein the first element is attached to the slip;
a chain connected to the first element;
a second element connected to the chain, wherein the second element is configured as
a handle; and
10 a flexible sleeve encompassing the chain and attached to the first and second elements.
2. The handle of claim 1, wherein first element is pivotally attached to the slip.
3. The handle of claim 1, wherein the second element is configured as a handle.
- 15 4. The handle of claim 3, wherein the second element configured as a handle is further
configured .to have a finger guard.
5. The handle of claim 3, wherein the second element configured as a handle is further
20 configured .to have a thumb guard.
6. The handle of claim 1, wherein the flexible sleeve is composed of polyurethane.
7. The handle of claim 6, wherein the polyurethane has a durometer value of 90A-50D.
- 25 8. The handle of claim 1, wherein the slip is a rotary slip.
9. The handle of claim 1, wherein the slip is a drill pipe slip.
- 30 10. The handle of claim 1, wherein the slip is a casing slip.

11. The handle of claim 1, wherein the slip is a drill collar slip.

12. The handle of claim 1, wherein the slip is a conductor pipe slip.

5 13. The handle of claim 1, wherein the chain comprises four links.

14. The handle of claim 1, wherein the links are composed of 3/16 inch chain link.

15. The handle of claim 1, wherein the links are zinc plated.

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16. The handle of claim 1, wherein the links have 700 pound strength.